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MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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1. Submitted herewith is a construction cost estimate of the proposed FBIS Monitoring Station on Okinawa, prepared in August, 1947, at FBIS request, by the U. S. Army Engineers, Western Pacific Division, San Jose, California, together with copy of an introductory letter dated 29 August to the Acting Chief, FBIS, from FBIS radio engineer.

2. It is to be noted that these estimates, made without determination of a specific site on Okinawa, have been reached by postulating construction at the most unfavorable location and under the worst conditions which might be encountered on the island. It is believed that it will be possible upon actual determination and inspection of suitable sites to reduce this estimate as follows:

a. By standardizing construction with that of Army buildings existing or under construction on the island, it should be possible to reduce greatly the items estimated for "Surveys and Designs" effecting a saving estimated at \$100,000

b. By selecting a site near existing power sources, communications lines and highways, it should be possible to eliminate most of the estimated expenditure for utilities, roads and pathways, at a saving estimated at \$1,100,000

c. By conforming to current Army restrictions which limit construction costs of officers' quarters on Okinawa to \$14,000 each, it should be possible to reduce estimates for personnel housing by approximately \$250,000

d. By including kitchen facilities in bachelor quarters the cost of which, in the light of other housing estimates, can probably be absorbed in the original estimate, elimination of the mess hall is possible, with a saving estimated at \$25,000

e. These items, totaling \$1,405,000, reduce the overall Engineer estimate from approximately \$2,125,000 to \$640,000, and it is believed that it can be further reduced when detailed specifications for the specific site selected are prepared.


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3. It is recommended that an FOLS survey group be directed to make reception tests on Okinawa and to determine the site or sites most suitable for a monitoring station from points of view of radio reception, availability of communications, personnel considerations and construction costs in consultation with engineering units on the island.

4. It is believed that all of the estimates prepared by the Army Engineers are exorbitant, and it is therefore recommended that new estimates be obtained from other sources, if such sources are available to CIG.


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